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SUBJECT: HOLDEN ROBERTO VISITS TUNISIA

1. ON JANUARY 8, HOLDEN ROBERTO (PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT-- FNLA) VISITED TUNISIA AND CALLED ON PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. ROBERTO, ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. KABANGU AND JOHNNY EDUARDO, WAS RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTI, HELD HALF-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH BOURGUIBA, PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA, DEFENSE MINISTER HEDI KHEFACHA, DESTOURIAN SOCIALIST PARTY DIRECTOR MOHAMED SAYAH, AND ATTENDED DINNER AT PALACE.

2. AFTER MEETINGS WITH GOT OFFICIALS, ROBERTO TOLD PRESS THAT HE HAD COME TO TUNISIA TO KEEP BOURGUIBA INFORMED OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE NEGOTIATIONS. RECALLING THAT "FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE BEGAN IN TUNIS IN 1961, "HE SAID IT WAS NATURAL FOR HIM TO TALK WITH BOURGUIBA BEFORE GOING TO LISBON WHERE
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NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN. REGARDING CURRENT SITUATION,

ROBERTO DECLARED THAT THE THREE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENTS HAD AGREED ON A COMMON PLATFORM FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH PORTUGAL AND ARE AGREED ON BASIC PRINCIPLES SUCH
AS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE NEED TO HARMONIZE
THEIR POSITIONS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PORTUGUESE. HE
SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE PARTIES ARE NOT DISSOLVED, WILL
MAINTAIN THEIR SEPARATE IDENTITY, AND IN FUTURE ELECTIONS
THE PEOPLE WILL DECIDE WHO WILL RUN THE COUNTRY. IN
THE MEANTIME, THE THREE PARTIES WILL FORM A TRANSITION
GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THEY EACH WILL HAVE AN EQUAL NUMBER
OF MINISTERIAL POSTS.

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